(d) if so, the steps proposed by Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) The matter was discussed last month with the representatives of the State Governments and of the concerned Union Ministries. Further consultations are considered necessary to sort out the differences, in view point and also taking into account several important developments on the economic front.

Decline in small savings due to withdrawal of incentives under Income Tax Act

4254. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether small saving collections have declined sharply as a result of withdrawal of certain incentives under the Income Tax Act;

(b) if so, whether this has adversely affected resources position of the State Governments, and particularly Gujarat; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by Government in order to correct the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The net small savings collections have been less this year compared to last year. This cannot however be attributed to withdrawal of incentives under the Income Tax Act.

(b) The lower net collections this year have resulted in sanction of lesser small savings loans to most States including Gujarat.

(c) In order to improve the collections, the rates of interest on several small savings instruments have been raised and a new instrument, namely National Savings Scheme, 1992 has been introduced.

Flow of money abroad

4255. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item appearing in the Hindustan Times of the 19th November, 1992 captioned "plea to curb secret flow of money";

(b) if so, whether secret money flowing from our country to others is creating serious economic problem, imparing the development; and

(c) if so, what measures Government are taking to stop the flow of Indian money abroad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The adverse consequences of secret flow of money outside the country have been recognised. To reduce the scope and incentives for such flows, a series of measures have been taken in the recent past, which include Liberalised Exchange Rate Management System and enabling provisions for import of gold by NRIs. Besides, the concerned agencies of the Government especially the Enforcement Directorate remain vigilant and take appropriate action.

Intelligibility of States for Agricultural Finance from NABARD

4256. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several cooperative credit institutions in 14 States and Union Territories have become ineligible for agricultural finance from NABARD because their recovery rate for short term farm loans has fallen below 50 per cent;

(b) if so, what is the break-up of information in this regard State and Union Territory-wise for the latest period;

(c) what are the details of steps/measures taken in the recent past to ensure recovery;

(d) whether it is also a fact that though cooperatives have larger network as compared to commercial banks, their share in total disbursement in dry farming areas with uncertain returns in agriculture has been continuously declining and has gone dangerously low; and

(e) if so, what are the reasons therefor and steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) The number of Central Cooperative banks (CCBs) not considered eligible for sanction of refinance limits due to high overdues by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) during 1992-93 (as on 30 November, 1992) is given below, state-wise:

Name of the State	No. of banks which have not been sanctioned limits on account of high overdues
Bihar . . .	1
Gujarat . .	2
Karnataka . .	1
Punjab . . .	1
Uttar Pradesh .	1
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(c) NABARD has taken the following steps/measures in the recent past to ensure recovery of cooperative banks:

(i) The State Governments were requested to provide all possible assistance and support the cooperative banks by associating the district authorities in their recovery drive.

(ii) The State Governments were also requested to impress upon the borrowers that Agricultural and Rural Debt Relief (ARDR) Scheme 1990 was only a one time relief measure and would not be repeated in future.

(iii) They were also requested to publicise through the media and their extension machinery the importance of repayment of dues to cooperative banks as also to ensure speedier disposal of arbitration cases and execution petitions as a time-bound programme.

(d) and (e) The data reporting system does not generate the information regarding disbursement in dry farming areas.

Demand of External Aid by Tamil Nadu

4257. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the proposals sent by the Government of Tamil Nadu for external aid from various international agencies including the A.D.B., World Bank and the O.E.C.F.;

(b) what is the total amount involved in these proposals;

(c) whether all these proposals have been accepted by the Central Government and forwarded to the international agencies; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (d) The details of the proposals sent by the Government of Tamil Nadu for external aid from various international agencies and the total amount involved including the A.D.B., World Bank ond the O.E.C.F is given in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below) However, the projects which would finally be tied up, and the extent and timing of commitment would depend on (i) detailed project preparation, (ii) receiving of due mandatory clearances from the administrative Ministry from the technicalangle,)ii3 clearance from Planning Commssion from resource angle, (iv) donor preferences and commitment availability, etc.